CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

1. (Previously presented) An insulating material, comprising in weight percent about 20-60% low melt bicomponent fiber, 10-40% high melt bicomponent fiber and 20-60% staple fiber wherein said high melt bicomponent fiber has a melt flow temperature above that of said low melt bicomponent fiber, wherein the average fiber diameter of said fiber low melt bicomponent fiber, said high melt bicomponent fiber and said staple fiber is between about 18-22 microns and wherein said low melt and high melt bicomponent fibers are a concentric sheath/core CoPET/PET.

2. (Currently amended) ~~The material of claim 1, including an average fiber diameter of between about 10-30 microns.~~ An insulating material, comprising in weight percent about 20-60% low melt bicomponent fiber, 10-40% high melt bicomponent fiber and 20-60% staple fiber wherein said high melt bicomponent fiber has a melt flow temperature above that of said low melt bicomponent fiber, wherein the average fiber diameter of said fiber low melt bicomponent fiber, said high melt bicomponent fiber and said staple fiber is between about 10-30 microns and wherein said low melt and high melt bicomponent fibers are a concentric sheath/core CoPET/PET.

3. (Currently amended) ~~The material of claim 1, including an average fiber diameter of between about 16-24 microns.~~ An insulating material, comprising in weight percent about 20-60% low melt bicomponent fiber, 10-40% high melt bicomponent fiber and 20-60% staple fiber wherein said high melt bicomponent fiber has a melt flow temperature above that of said low melt bicomponent fiber, wherein the average fiber diameter of said fiber low melt bicomponent fiber, said high melt bicomponent fiber and said staple fiber is between about 16-24 microns and wherein said low melt and high melt bicomponent fibers are a concentric sheath/core CoPET/PET.